

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2009

In Carl Bartell and Brenda Eaton’s absence, Jean Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M. Pastor Mike opened with prayer, which was followed by pledging allegiance to the American and Christian flags.

The minutes of July 1, 2009 were approved by Elaine Perry and seconded by Harry Vercoe. The motion passed.

Financial Report – Sandy Shipe presented the Treasurer’s Report. John Gladwell moved to accept the report; the motion was seconded by Winnie Oggenfuss. Motion passed.

Old Business – There was no Old Business to address.

New Business

1) Telephone Call Routing/Phone Tree Problems/New Phones for Office – There are several problems with the office phones: a) the phone tree doesn’t always transmit correctly and b) a phone is needed for Pastor Mike’s office. To correct the phone tree problem, Sue Leavelle will be asked to train each person who covers this task on the proper procedures to insure transmission. John Gladwell asked that someone in the office contact Verizon to see if there is any problem with our current system and to ascertain if there is a better system. With regard to new phones, Bill Barry moved and John Gladwell seconded a motion to purchase a new cordless phone(s) as needed for the offices. The motion passed.

2) Technology Technician – Conley’s has entered the “technology” age with our many communication systems and the sound and video systems in the church. Keeping these systems healthy and in good working condition is important, so it’s time to consider finding a Technology “Guru” to handle this job. Pastor Mike will get the message out from the pulpit and in the Newsletter that we are looking for a volunteer. He also will approach a possible candidate. If a volunteer is not forthcoming, other solutions will be pursued.

3) Family Night – Rebecca Rollins proposed that Conley’s consider holding a Family Night on a regular basis (perhaps once a month) where families could socialize with a movie, games, refreshments, etc. Many members of the Ad Council thought this was a good idea, and the proposal received strong support. Rebecca was encouraged to contact the Evangelism Committee to see if they wanted to implement a Family Night program.

4) Safe Sanctuary Program – Conley’s Safe Sanctuary Program needs reorganizing and brought into compliance with the guidelines of the United Methodist Church. John Gladwell moved and Elaine Perry seconded a motion to bring the program up date. The motion passed. The Pastor, Spiritual Director, Chair of the SPPRC and Chair of the Trustees will hold an open meeting re the program in the very near future.

5) Mortgage for the New Church Building – John Gladwell reported that so far \$1.2 million has been spent on the new church building. The Trustees suggested that we explore the idea of getting a mortgage to cover additional expenses. In light of this suggestion, John Gladwell moved and Mary Lou Dickson seconded a motion stating that the Finance Committee should explore the feasibility of obtaining a \$1 million mortgage to complete the building to a usable state. The Ad Council passed the motion. Ed Perry also moved that the Finance Committee prepare an estimate of what the operating expenses will be for

both the new building and maintenance for “scaled-down” existing facilities. Bob Wood seconded this motion, which passed. John Gladwell and Pastor Mike will present these concepts to the congregations on the weekend of August 8-9.

Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees - Pastor Mike reported for Wendy Schmitt the following information. Vacation Bible School had 74 participants and there were 122 people at the closing service. All VBS attendees will receive birthday cards throughout the year.

Membership Committee - A New Members Class will be held on Thursday, September 10.

Evangelism - Nineteen children attended the Back-to-School breakfast and received school supplies.

Prayer Committee – Will meet later this month.

Social Concerns Committee – Pastor Mike reported that the bathroom remodeling project for a family in need is underway. The Social Concerns Committee will be donating \$800 towards the project. The Lewes-Rehoboth Council of Churches (LRAC) is also donating funds.

Missions Committee – Jeanne Quinn has received many letters of thanks from the missionaries and other outreach services that Conley’s supports. She shared with the Council a lovely letter from Ken and Kathy Metz.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jerry Mitchell said that the committee is completing the six remaining evaluations of staff members.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Did not meet.

Trustees – John Gladwell reported that our insurance costs have risen drastically since we had to purchase Builders Risk insurance. Moving the policy to a different carrier saved us \$3000 of increased cost. John reported that the plumbing was finished in the new building and that the doors and windows had all been installed. The required inspection of the TYVEK® was scheduled for Thursday, August 6. John thanked Bill Barry for the many hours of work he has contributed and praised the efforts of the construction superintendent, Tony LeGates. The Ad Council, in turn, gave John a round of applause for his contributions.

Health Ministries – No report.

New Building Fund Committee – Bobbie Moxey reported that she has so far received \$48,000 in pledges for the new campaign.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Mike reported it had been a busy month. He conducted two weddings and three funeral services. He has been making progress on visiting members of the congregation with whom he has not had much interaction in his first year at Conley’s. He is working on plans for bible studies to start in the fall. Mike will be on vacation beginning August 8 after church services through the 16th. Pastors Bill Hopkins and Fred Duncan will be on call if pastoral assistance is needed while Mike is away. Wendy Schmitt will also be on call to help.

Miscellaneous

- Since many members of our congregation are business entrepreneurs, it was suggested that our next church directory have a Business section listing these people. Many of us would like hire them when needed.

- Danny Cook, the photographer who took the overhead shots of Conley’s groundbreaking ceremony, has made two photos available to us as 8x10 prints – probably as a fundraiser. More information will be forthcoming about how you can get your photo(s).

Elaine Perry moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Unruh, Secretary